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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the amended claimed formula, at least two of Ar₄₁, Ar₄₂ and R₄₁ are each a biaryl group having a bond capable of giving an internal rotational isomerism or a group comprising the biaryl group. Support for such a compound is found in exemplified compounds on page 42-44, for example, B-2, B-6 and B-8.

The rejections of Claims 1 and 13 as being anticipated or obvious over Inoue as well as the obviousness rejections of Claims 2-7 and 8-12 are all maintained for reasons previously set forth in the earlier Office Action. In essence the Examiner does not accept the Applicant's arguments in view of a broad interpretation of the claim language. In order to advance the prosecution, Applicants have included a further limitation in scope with respect to the aromatic groups and that it is now required that at least two of the AR₄₁, AR₄₂ and R₄₁ groups are each a biaryl group having a bond capable of giving internal rotational isomerism or a group comprising the biaryl group, provided that adjacent substituent groups existing in the molecule

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represented by Formula B1 may be condensed with each other to form a ring.

It is submitted that these amendments exclude the Examiner's broad interpretation of the claims so that Applicant's arguments are strengthened and should be effective for avoiding the art.

In addition, the support for the changes in the claims noted above, that is, compound such as B-2, B-6 and B-8 provide unexpectedly advantageous effects.

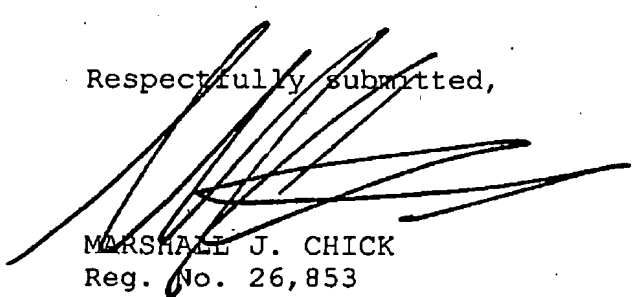
Advantageous effects of compounds of formula B1 are demonstrated in Table 6. As set forth therein (specifically, page 125, line 10-13), further enhanced effects are achieved by compounds B-2, B-6, and B-8, which contain two atrop bonding axes, that is, bonds capable of giving internal rotational isomerism.

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In view of the above, reconsideration of the
rejections and allowance of the application are
respectfully requested.

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